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Title: TIRE FOR SKEW REDUCING ROLLER

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2002, please amend the above named application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 8, please replace the paragraph extending from line 5 to line 17 with:

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In one embodiment, the non-compliant layer 48 is a relatively rigid metal or plastic tube. The tube can have a thickness of about .020 inches or greater. The outer surface of the tube is preferably roughened or coated with a high co-efficient of friction material. The coating should preferably be relatively thin compared with the radius of the compliant core 44. A thin coating having a thickness of about of .020 inches has been found effective. Additional layers of material can be applied to the outside of the non-compliant layer 48 to enhance the ability of the roller 40 to transport particular materials. For example, a relatively thin layer 52 of soft material such as a soft rubber may be applied to the outside surface of an otherwise slippery non-compliant layer 48. Preferably, the soft rubber layer is sufficiently thin to preclude any deformation which introduces a significant change in the circumference or deformation of the tire 40 and hence tendency to produce scrub.



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Thank you for your cooperation.

Stephen B. Salai



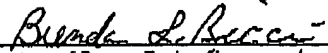
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